GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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STREET VENDORS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing space to street vendors and hawkers;

(b) the details of other schemes formulated by the Government to enable them to earn their livelihood with dignity; and

(c) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(a): In order to protect the rights of urban street vendors and to regulate street vending activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, the Government has enacted the 'Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, which has come into force w.e.f. 1.5.2014. Under this Act, the State Governments shall make rules and frame a Scheme for carrying out the provision of the Act.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has introduced a new scheme namely 'Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV)' as part of National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), which aims to address the vulnerabilities of the urban street vendors through a multi-pronged approach. The scheme provides for the identification and enlisting of street vendors through surveys.

The street vending plans will be formulated by States/UTs taking into account the natural market where sellers and buyers naturally congregate for the sale and purchase of products and services. The Scheme supports Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in improvement of infrastructure and provision of basic services viz. water supply, toilets, waste disposal facility, lighting in the existing markets of street vendors. Training and Skill Development of the street vendors are also envisaged under the scheme. States have been provided funds and scheme is under implementation.